

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-8, and 23-34 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 23-34 were rejected by the Examiner. The Examiner also indicated that claim 3 was allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the respective base claim. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggestion, and have amended claim 2 to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicants have amended claim 4 to have it properly depend from claim 2. Additionally, the Applicants have canceled pending claims 1, 3, 23-24, and 28-34 without prejudice and reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a continuation application, divisional application, or other filing. All claim amendments are fully supported by the specification. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 2, 4, 7-8 and 25-27, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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